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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 1631, 1632, 1633, 1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1641, 1642 of this title; title 2 section 658; title 5 section 3371; title 12 sections 1715z-13, 1715z-13a, 4702; title 15 section 637; title 16 sections 410hh, 410hh-3, 470bb, 1279, 1722, 1855, 3102, 3111, 3120, 3141, 3164, 3215, 4302, 4702; title 18 section 208; title 20 sections 1087uu-1, 1401, 4402, 6103, 7404, 7713, 9122; title 25 sections 450b, 1452, 1603, 1801, 2026, 2403, 2511, 3001, 3002, 3112, 3202, 3501, 3703, 3802, 3902, 4001, 4103; title 26

section 45A; title 29 sections 706, 750, 1671; title 30 section 1306; title 31 section 7501; title 33 sections 1263, 1377; title 38 section 3115; title 42 sections 280d, 1996a, 2991b, 2992c, 3002, 3796dd-8, 3796gg-2, 4368b, 4762, 5061, 6502, 8011, 8802, 9832, 10101, 11472, 12584, 13743, 13791, 13801, 13868, 13911, 13971, 14151; title 45 section 1212.

§ 1601. Congressional findings and declaration of policy

Congress finds and declares that—

(a) there is an immediate need for a fair and just settlement of all claims by Natives and Native groups of Alaska, based on aboriginal land claims;

(b) the settlement should be accomplished rapidly, with certainty, in conformity with the real economic and social needs of Natives, without litigation, with maximum participation by Natives in decisions affecting their rights and property, without establishing any permanent racially defined institutions, rights, privileges, or obligations, without creating a reservation system or lengthy wardship or trusteeship, and without adding to the categories of property and institutions enjoying special tax privileges or to the legislation establishing special relationships between the United States Government and the State of Alaska;

(c) no provision of this chapter shall replace or diminish any right, privilege, or obligation of Natives as citizens of the United States or of Alaska, or relieve, replace, or diminish any obligation of the United States or of the State or Alaska to protect and promote the rights or welfare of Natives as citizens of the United States or of Alaska; the Secretary is authorized and directed, together with other appropriate agencies of the United States Government, to make a study of all Federal programs primarily designed to benefit Native people and to report back to the Congress with his recommendations for the future management and operation of these programs within three years of December 18, 1971;

(d) no provision of this chapter shall constitute a precedent for reopening, renegotiating, or legislating upon any past settlement involving land claims or other matters with any Native organizations, or any tribe, band, or identifiable group of American Indians;

(e) no provision of this chapter shall effect a change or changes in the petroleum reserve policy reflected in sections 7421 through 7438¹ of title 10 except as specifically provided in this chapter;

(f) no provision of this chapter shall be construed to constitute a jurisdictional act, to confer jurisdiction to sue, nor to grant implied consent to Natives to sue the United States or any of its officers with respect to the claims extinguished by the operation of this chapter; and

(g) no provision of this chapter shall be construed to terminate or otherwise curtail the activities of the Economic Development Administration or other Federal agencies conducting loan or loan and grant programs in Alaska. For this purpose only, the terms “In-

¹ See References in Text note below.